State Government was informed accordingly. Moreover, Government of Gujarat has also sent a proposal for additional 12 coastal police stations, 17 out-posts and vessels to be incorporated in the proposed Phase-II of Coastal Security Scheme.

(d) The details of the amounts released during 2008-09 under the Coastal Security Scheme are given below:—

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Total release of funds
1.	Goa	20.00
2.	Tamil Nadu	337.80
3.	Andhra Pradesh	74.10
4.	Lakshadweep	75.80
5.	Daman and Diu	10.20
6.	Training charges to Coast Guard	31.58
7.	Payments for Boats	5316.40
	GRAND TOTAL:	5865.88

Opposition to Marble Import Policy, 2008

†*300. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the basis of being in existence prior to March 2001, in deciding the parameters for obtaining licence under Marble Import Policy Circular No. 13 issued in June, 2008;

(b) the basis for fixing sales cap of rupees one crore in each of the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that this policy runs counter to new enterprise and will entail closure of 1200 gangsaw machines in Rajasthan;

(d) whether this circular is being opposed by marble businessmen every where; and

(e) by when it would be amended by Government?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) to (e) In 2008, a dual Policy was in operation, allowing import entitlement to two categories (*i.e.*, the erstwhile Special Import Licence (SIL) category marble importers, and the 'domestic processors'). The criteria of processing unit being in operation prior to March, 2001 was stipulated in the Policy for domestic processors (*i.e.*, Policy Circular No. 13 of 2008), so as to maintain uniformity with the condition stipulated under the separate policy for SIL category

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

importers. The criteria of minimum turnover of Rupees one crore in each of the last three years was stipulated based on the recommendations of an Inter-ministerial Committee which had felt that small units would not have the capability to import rough marble blocks/slabs directly on their own.

The dual Policy of 2008 has been superseded and amended by a new unified Policy based on a uniform single set of criteria, announced *vide* Policy Circular No. 12 dated 23rd October, 2009. The new Policy not only permits inclusion of new units every year, but also ensures uniformity in allocation for a large number of domestic processors having capability to import themselves and process rough marble blocks/slabs.

Inclusion of domestic processors for the eligibility for import of rough marble blocks/slabs was appreciated by the trade, as well as the Government of Rajasthan.

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Acquiring mining rights of Ramandurg iron ore by MMTC

2152. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mineral and Metal Trading Corporation (MMTC) has acquired mining rights pertaining to Ramandurg iron ore mine in Bellary district, Karnataka;

(b) if so, the salient details of Ramandurg mine indicating its estimated reserve, terms and conditions of acquisition etc.;

(c) the details of the process which culminated into MMTC's obtaining grant of the mining right and objective behind the acquisition;

(d) whether MMTC acquired any other iron mines preceding Ramandurg; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Subsidising bio-fuel production by industrialised countries

2153. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether industrialised countries are spending a gigantic amount of nearly $15 billion on subsidies for bio-fuel raw-material cultivation or meeting the requirements of bio-diesel derived from palm oil, etc.; and